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Dear Sir:

Your favor of May 22, d is received.

Our idea of for increasing the number of your Lectures was to make it better for you and also for ourselves. It will not require any more money to advertise you in nineteen cities than it will in twelve, as we have all our postings and bills struck off in one office — here — and the changes of dates and names of Halls amount to a mere nothing; hence our new proposition.

The <u>two</u> Springfields referred to in our letter is not a

mistake. We Should have denominated them as Springfield Ohio and S— Ville. You will therefore observe that the number is Still nineteen.

Inasmuch as our presence is demanded at home ~~at home~~ in December, we have made Some changes in the route. It will be over the Same ground traversed by Mr. Bayard Taylor, commencing Oct. 3d (this the 2d) in the following order: Cleveland, Mansfield, Delaware, Columbus, Newark, Zanesville, Lancaster, Circleville, Cincinnati, Hamilton, Dayton, Springfield, Urbana, Piqua, Richmond, Indianapolis, Chicago and St. Louis — eighteen in all. The only difference ~~with~~ is that Mr. Taylor will lecture Six times per week while our advanced age will not admit of

Such constant labors. Springfield Ills. is omitted. Our reason for following Mr. Taylor, is, that our Agent can arrange for both of you at the same time, at least, for the first week. He shall not make your work more laborious than possible, and it is for you to say how many lectures you can deliver per week.

We shall do by you as we shall by Mr. Taylor or Mr. Barnum, Send you $250 on the 7th of September as an advance payment, and $100 each day after your arrival in Cleveland. We can only hope that your health will permit you to deliver Six lectures per week, then, all our System will be perfect and complete.

Very Respectfully

Patterson & Co